

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action of July 29, 2003, Applicants submit the above amendments and the attached Substitute Figure 1. The amendments address each of the Examiner's claim objections. Particularly, the dependency of claims 3, 4, 6 and 24 has been revised in accord with the Examiner's suggestions. Furthermore, a corrected Figure 1 is provided including Reference No. 80, previously added to Figure 1 in corrected drawings submitted June 11, 2002. Formal drawings will be submitted with payment of the issue fee.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

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